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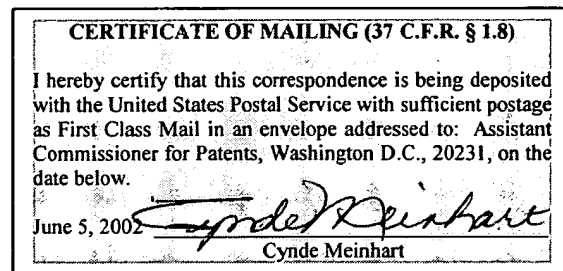
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Sir:



In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. A copy of the listed document required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

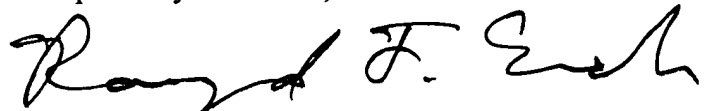
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This application is a continuation application of Serial No. 09/508,277, filed March 7, 2000, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), only copies of those documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial No. 09/508,277 as of the filing date of the present application are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed document be made of record in the present case.

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